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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) INCIDENT COMMANDER INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA COURSE

SYNOPSIS:

This A-Gram introduces the latest in the HazMat series of multimedia training products.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The HazMat Incident Commander (IC) course is an interactive multimedia training program that effectively uses a wide variety of media formats including full motion video, text, animation, audio, and graphics.

The course contains five modules. Each module encompasses approximately five topics that take 20 to 30 minutes each to complete. As trainees complete the course, they are presented with various knowledge checks and module review exercises to measure knowledge of the course content.

The ultimate goal of the IC course is to provide DoD students with the knowledge and skills they need to become safe and effective HazMat ICs during HazMat incidents or possible terrorist events.

After going through the lessons, students have an opportunity to put their knowledge into practice by becoming the HazMat IC in three realistic and challenging exercise scenarios that test their critical thinking skills.

This program meets/exceeds National Fire Protection Association Standard 472, *Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to HazMat Incidents* (2002 Edition).

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

This course standardizes HazMat training across the DoD and eliminates the need to purchase commercial publications. All of the information the student is required to learn is presented during the course. Other benefits include: bookmarking, the generation of automated training records, a virtual command center where students call the shots, and the ability to present the material to a group in a classroom setting for initial skills or refresher training. The course can be worked on at home or at work. By successfully completing this course and the required performance tests, you can become DoD certified at the HazMat IC level. As a reminder, you must already be certified at the HazMat Operations level before starting this course.

IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING:

At the IC level, you become the person in charge of all on-scene operations, to include implementing defensive and offensive tactics as well as considering the possibility of non-intervention.

What makes this program and the need to be "HazMat IC" trained and certified so important? The answer is simple. Federal law (1910.120q) provides specific guidance to those who assume the role of on-scene incident manager, commonly referred to as the "Incident Commander." The intent of the law is to ensure emergency responders respond to these incidents in a safe and effective manner. The purpose of this training is to meet the intent of the law and to protect you from the safety and liability issues associated with being a HazMat IC.

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED:

- (1) Obtain a copy of the courseware.
- (2) Complete the course.
- (3) Take/pass the CerTest computer-based end-of-course exam.
- (4) Complete the required hands-on performance tests.
- (5) Submit the required documents to become DoD certified.

For further information and a sample certification package, see Chapter 5 of the CerTest Procedural Guide.

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